

Sister's Spin

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What a contrast between Monday's saint and Tuesday's saint. Yesterday, a young woman was celebrated for defending her faith in a time of persecution by the secular world and today a young man is persecuted for wanting to live his faith more fully by the members of his own Catholic Community! That was the reality for St. John of the Cross. He joined a religious community that was a little on the easy going side of things, but then he met Teresa of Avila. She told him of the changes being made in religious life to follow our Lord more closely, and John was hooked. He wanted this deeper relationship with our Lord, and it cost him a year in prison by his own community who were not yet ready for such a reform. Eventually, John did escape and was able to enter deeply into his true vocation of following God. His writings of his time in prison show how close his friendship with God had become, and he is honored today as one of the revered doctors of the Church. The silence of his prison cell gave him time to grow in his relationship with God, so perhaps in these busy days, it would be good to find some silent time to enable us to also grow in our relationship with God.

-Sister Marcianne

